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dispatisfaction &c &c but they were regarded as unnecessary and the Presbytery decided in favor of the separation.
Br. Johnson is a good preacher, has been blessed in his labors here and at the last primary. He is kind and devoted I think he is much beloved by all good people who know him. I trust that God is preparing him for a more extensive field of usefulness. He has heard that a City Missionary is wanted at Boston. Knowing that you would have all the facts, from your late agent, connection with that Mission I offered Brute to you proposing him for that post. I think he would do admirably well in that field. He is persevering, judicious and hearty in the cause of human salvation. He writes well & speaks freely. His wife is a prize for a minister and would Cheer him in every good work. They have an interesting family of 4 or 5 children. He had been informed that the salary allowed is $1200. Will oblige me by writing a letter to me here on the reception of this about this application. Br. Johnson will go on to Boston if it is desirable at once and see the committee or persons who have this matter in charge if you have not if you can give him advice or encouragement in the premises.

Be so kind as to give my kind Regards to your aged & respected mother & Children

Ever Dear Mother
Yours truly
S. S. Jocelyn

Br. Johnson had his information about Boston City Mission from Rev. Mr Searle I think who had had something said to him about the post but said it would not be the thing for him & named it to Br. Johnson. The separation is to take place 1st May but can be sooner if Br. Johnson has a place probably

to his enemies. They finally called on him by a
committee of the church & Session to inform him that they could not
do what they had before for his support & named
the course he took on human rights as affecting
the ability of the church to sustain him. He saw
that the mayor was probably preparing for a separation
but that all the congregation might know on
what ground, he stood as a minister in reference
to the Slavery question he gave them notice that
his people
two weeks prior that time he would preach a ser-
mon upon the duty of the ministry in reference
to American Slavery. He preached it. It had
a good effect on some but others were too bitter in their
hearts to be reconciled, especially after the Abolitionists
Resolutions were carried. In Congress. Of late there has been some hope
that the numbers were not so great but that the
opposers to Mr Johnson might be foiled. He had how-
ever opened the matter to the Presbytery & signified his
consent to leave under the circumstances if they should
so decide. Yesterday he appeared & the Church
Committee also
Com. before Presbytery at Brooklyn. The committee
stated the conditions of the church as reasons
why Mr Johnson should be dismissed. The principal
man Mr Horn when interrogated as to Mr Johnsons
faithfulness as a preacher & gave him a high Char-
acter but finally stated that the great difficulty
was that Mr Johnson favored the Liberty party.
One of the Presbytery Mr Duffield proposed that a
committee should be appointed to go to
visit the Church & see into the extent of the

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Dear Brother.

23 We are hoping to learn that you have accepted the call of our Committee The field of usefulness open for you I am sure is great enough for any man with you, depending upon God for direction how cheerfully we can give battle to the foe.

I write particularly on behalf of my beloved brother in the Lord Rev. Joseph Johnson of Williamsburg brother to N. E. Johnson the fallen. He is the Pastor of the 1st Presbyterian Church in our village Williamsburgh L.I. A most faithful minister of Christ who is to be severed from his people for his love to the Slave. Last fall he gave his vote for the Liberty ticket and attended with us one or more Liberty appreciation meetings and spoke as a citizen & a Christian. This gave offence to a few of his leading men. one in the Church and one or two quite influential, not in the Church but of his congregation. After the defeat of Clay when the big venom was directed to Liberty men it fell upon Br. Johnson. He did not refrain from praying as usual for the Slave and giving testimony from his pulpit for the cause of Liberty & righteousness. During the winter, or indeed as early as Thanksgiving day he preached an excellent discourse which gave new fire